

## House Resolution 772

By: Representative Chambers of the 81<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the creation of a Blood Pressure Down Shift Program; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, earlier in this decade, the United States Department of Transportation revised  
3 the hypertension guidelines for obtaining a commercial driver's license; and

4 WHEREAS, hidden medical dangers such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and high  
5 cholesterol can cause fatal accidents on the road and endanger the lives and well-being of  
6 Georgia citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, transportation service providers such as MARTA, GRTA, GDOT, trucking  
8 companies, and other transportation providers can develop a customized program to identify  
9 health risks in potential and current commercially certified drivers and create new guidelines  
10 for obtaining or renewing a commercial license which will include health risks of the  
11 applicant; and

12 WHEREAS, a Blood Pressure Down Shift Program would assist in identifying, preventing,  
13 and containing such health risks.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
15 the members of this body request that transportation providers adopt a program to educate  
16 applicants for commercial drivers' licenses on the health risks that could lead to an accident  
17 on the road and that creates new standards for obtaining and renewing commercial licenses  
18 with a focus on identifying health risks that could lead to accidents before such licenses will  
19 be issued.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
21 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the public and  
22 the press.